

April 21, 2010

The U.S. Embassy in Kingston alerts U.S. citizens of recent reports of robberies at banks and ATM machines in the New Kingston area.

The modus operandi for the robberies appears to be two young males on a small red motorcycle casing local New Kingston banks and or ATM machines. The robbers wait in the area of the banks and follow females who have just exited the bank or ATM machines. When they have opportunity, they grab the victim's purse and flee on the motorcycle.

Americans are advised to exercise caution and careful security awareness upon exiting New Kingston area banks or ATMs. Once in your vehicle, maintain awareness for young males riding motorcycles. If followed, call the police or drive to a police station and inform the police immediately.

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April 9, 2010

The Embassy of the United States of America in Kingston is pleased to announce the relocation of U.S. Consular Agency Montego Bay. The new facility will enable more

effective and comfortable services to American citizens needing passport and consular services in the western region of Jamaica.

The U.S. Consular Agency assists Americans in the areas surrounding Montego Bay with U.S. citizenship, passport, notarial and a variety of other American Citizen Services. The Consular Agency also provides Special Consular Services to Americans throughout the western region of Jamaica, including the parishes of Hanover, St. Ann, St. James, Trelawny, and Westmoreland.

Please review the following details for the most updated information on the Consular Agency:

Regular business hours:

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
(closed on Jamaican and U.S. holidays)

The new location:

Whitter Village, Unit EU-1
Ironshore, Montego Bay
(across from Burger King)

Telephone numbers:

Office (876) 953-0620
Fax (876) 953-3898

E-mail: USConsAgency.MoBay@cwjamaica.com .

U.S. citizens in need of assistance outside of normal U.S. Consular Agency operating hours may contact the U.S. Embassy in Kingston at (876)702- 6000 or visit the website <http://kingston.usembassy.gov/> .

March 25, 2010

The U.S. Embassy in Kingston is issuing this Warden Message to alert U.S. citizens of reports of violence in the Mountain View area of Kingston today, March 25, 2010. The affected area is located near Bygrave Avenue and Goodwich Lane. Police have reported that two people have been killed. Tensions remain high, and retaliation shootings are expected. Americans are advised to monitor media reports and avoid the area until an all-clear is announced by the Government.

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March 15, 2010

The U.S. Embassy in Kingston is issuing this Warden Message to alert U.S. citizens of reports of a current gun battle in West Kingston, near Trench Town today, March 15, 2010. While police officers were carrying out operations in the Hannah Town Area of West Kingston, a shootout began between the police and armed gunmen and is still ongoing. During the exchange of gunfire three police officers were shot and injured. Americans are advised to monitor media reports and avoid the area until an all-clear is announced by the Government.

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November 20, 2009

The U.S. Embassy in Kingston is issuing this Warden Message to alert U.S. citizens in Jamaica to take security precautions in relation to a political party conference being held on Sunday, November 22.

The Jamaica Labour Party (JLP), the current governing party in Jamaica, will be having its Annual Party Conference at the National Arena near the Mountain View area on Sunday, November 22, 2009.

At the JLP Annual Party Conference last year shots were fired. When the police investigated, it was discovered that one of its own party members shot and killed another party member.

Police are expected to be out in numbers this Sunday to ensure that there is not a repeat of what transpired last year.

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September 24, 2009

The U.S. Embassy in Kingston is issuing this Warden Message to alert U.S. citizens in Jamaica to recent incidents of gunfire in the Mountain View area of Kingston. The Embassy also reminds U.S. citizens of the crime information provided in the State Department's [Country Specific Information for Jamaica](#).

Over the past few weekends, there have been reports of gunshots in and around Mountain View road. Mountain View road is a route frequently used by some to the Norman Manley International Airport. When travelling to the airport, the U.S. Embassy instructs its employees and family members to avoid Mountain View Road. The Embassy urges American citizens to use South Camp Road instead when traveling to the airport. U.S. citizens are reminded to remain vigilant and suggest every precaution to ensure your safety and the safety of family members, especially if caught in or near gunfire:

- Always be aware of your surroundings. Seek immediate cover.
- Whenever possible, carry a cell phone with up-to-date contact information for emergencies.
- When gunfire or explosions are heard, immediately move to a safe area with good cover. For example look for something substantial to hide behind (large trees, vehicles, concrete barriers); seek cover in a room made of solid construction (e.g. concrete, steel, etc.); stay away from doors and windows; and do not venture out to observe.
- Immediately convey the sense of danger/threat to those around you.
- If possible, report to the police what you are observing.

If you encounter gunfire when in a vehicle, immediately leave the area if safe to do so. Do not attempt to drive through an area affected by gunfire or explosions. If you are in a safe area, remain there until it is safe to move.

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September 11, 2009

The U.S. Embassy in Kingston is issuing this Warden Message to alert U.S. citizens in Jamaica to precautions they should take if they encounter gunfire, and to provide security information about rumors of tensions in the Tivoli Gardens neighborhood in Kingston. The Embassy also reminds U.S. citizens of the crime information provided in the State Department's [Country Specific Information for Jamaica](#).

Over the past week, gunshots have been reported in the Manor Park area of New Kingston. Although the Jamaica Constabulary Force has not confirmed these alleged shootings, gunfire is frequently heard around Kingston. If you hear gunfire or are caught in the middle of gunfire:

- Always be aware of your surroundings. Seek immediate cover.
- Whenever possible, carry a cell phone with up-to- date contact information for emergencies.
- When gunfire or explosions are heard, immediately move to a safe area with good cover. For example look for something substantial to hide behind (large trees, vehicles, concrete barriers); seek cover in a room made of solid construction (e.g. concrete, steel, etc.); stay away from doors and windows; and do not venture out to observe.
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The U.S. Embassy also reminds its employees and family members to remain vigilant regarding rumors circulating within the community concerning tensions in and around the Tivoli Gardens neighborhood in Kingston. The Embassy is not aware of any threats to any of its employees or their family members, or American-owned facilities or U.S. citizens. The last time the police had to take action in Tivoli Gardens, 27 people were killed including one police officer.

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Ongoing Violence in Grants Pen/Shortwood Lane September 5, 2009

This message is issued by the U.S. Embassy to alert American citizens concerning ongoing violence in the Grants Pen/Shortwood area of Kingston.

Police have advised that a gang war is in progress in the Grants Pen Road and Shortwood Lane of Upper St. Andrew. At last report, at least five (5) persons have been killed in the area, and heavily armed men remain.

The police advise to avoid this area due this ongoing gang war.

Americans should monitor local radio and television reports and stay away from the Grants Pen and Shortwood Lane areas of Kingston until the news media confirms that the area is safe.

August 5, 2009

The U.S. Embassy in Kingston is issuing this Warden Message to alert U.S. citizens in Jamaica to an increase in armed robbery, break-ins, and larceny on the island as a whole and, in particular, the New Kingston area in the capital. The Embassy also reminds U.S.

citizens of the crime information provided in the State Department's [Country Specific Information for Jamaica](#).

In part because of the current world-wide economic recession, crime in Jamaica, and especially in Kingston, has risen substantially. American citizens living in or visiting Jamaica should use caution, be aware of their surroundings, and take these recommendations into account when planning activities, especially if visiting the New Kingston area:

- Travel in groups
- Keep windows up and doors locked while in a vehicle
- Do not walk alone, especially after dark
- Do not take shortcuts through alleyways; walk on main streets
- Do not leave valuables in a vehicle
- Park vehicles in garages with security services
- Do not show off jewelry
- Do conceal cell phones
- Do cooperate with the perpetrators – robbery victims have been assaulted and, in some cases, killed when they attempted to resist

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**Potential Jamaican Constabulary Force Protest
May 8, 2009**

This message is issued by the U.S. Embassy to alert American citizens in Jamaica concerning a police labor dispute that could cause a shortage of police coverage in Jamaica.

The Government has informed the Embassy that due to a labor dispute between the Jamaican Constabulary Force (JCF) and the Government of Jamaica, a possibility exists that members of the JCF may take "sick leave" as a form of protest. This could create a shortage of police officers island-wide and increase police response time to emergencies.

Jamaican Defense Force (JDF) military assets have been put on alert, in case the JCF takes such an action.

American citizens living in or visiting Jamaica should monitor the local news, be aware of their surroundings and take this information into account when planning your activities.

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Reports of Roadblocks and Demonstrations

April 29, 2009

This message is issued by the U.S. Embassy to alert American citizens in Jamaica concerning reports of sporadic demonstrations, roadblocks and incidents of tires being burned in streets in Kingston and other parts of the country, related to recent consumption tax increases in Jamaica.

The Embassy has received reports of sporadic roadblocks and demonstrations in Kingston and elsewhere in Jamaica today, probably in response to the recent increases in

gasoline taxes. Several of the reported demonstrations occurred in the vicinity of Washington Blvd. and Constant Springs Road near Half Way Tree in Kingston. In one incident on Washington Blvd this morning, police reportedly fired shots to disperse crowds. Based on these security concerns, the U.S. Embassy in Kingston authorized early departure of its staff at 3 p.m.

American Citizens are advised to monitor developments on Jamaican television and radio channels, avoid areas where demonstrations may occur, and consider remaining inside during the evening hours.

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April 23, 2009

This message is issued by the U.S. Embassy to alert American citizens in Jamaica concerning recent developments in Jamaica.

On Thursday afternoon, April 23, the Jamaican Parliament will convene for the presentation of the 2009-10 national budget. The Government may propose various measures to enhance revenues, possibly including an unpopular increase in fuel taxes. In a national broadcast the evening of April 22, Prime Minister Bruce Golding made the following appeal: "Let's not hand the country over to lawlessness and anarchy. The Security Forces are on alert and are prepared to respond to any situation where public order is disturbed. But I appeal to all Jamaicans: Let that not become necessary. Let good sense prevail."

The Embassy of the USA has received no reports indicating that large-scale, island-wide demonstrations are planned. Nevertheless, we encourage U.S. citizens to monitor the news media for updates on the situation; in the event of reports of protests or other civil disturbances, either remain at home or, if going out, exercise caution and avoid any unruly gatherings or demonstrations.

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**Hurricane Paloma Heading Toward Cayman Islands, Could Adversely Impact
Western Jamaica
November 7, 2008**

This Warden Message is issued to alert American citizens residing in or visiting the Cayman Islands and Jamaica that:

- A hurricane warning has been announced and is in effect for the Cayman Islands. A hurricane warning means that hurricane conditions are expected within the warning area within the next 24 hours. Preparations to protect life and property should be rushed to completion.
- The U.S. Embassy in Kingston recommends that U.S. citizens in the Cayman Islands and western portions of Jamaica monitor the progress of Paloma, as the storm has the potential to produce heavy rain and wind on the island. For up-to-date information on the storm's track, please monitor local television and radio

news channels as well as the National Hurricane Center's website
<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>.

- At 7:00 a.m. EST (1200 Z) the center of Hurricane Paloma was located near latitude 18.1 North Longitude 81.6 West, about 85 miles south-southwest of Grand Cayman and about 245 miles west of Montego Bay, Jamaica.
- Hurricane Paloma is moving north at 8MPH and this motion is expected to continue today. A gradual turn toward the northeast is expected tonight and Saturday. On the forecast track, the center of Hurricane Paloma will pass near the Cayman Islands late Friday or early Saturday.
- Maximum sustained winds are near 80 MPH, 130KM/hr, with higher gusts. Hurricane Paloma is a Category One hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Scale. Strengthening is likely and Paloma is expected to become a Category 2 hurricane later today and possibly reach Category 3 intensity by Saturday.
- Hurricane force winds extend outward up to 15 miles from the center and tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 70 miles or 110 KM.
- Storm surge flooding of 3 to 5 feet above normal tide levels accompanied by large and dangerous battering waves is expected near the center of Paloma in the Cayman Islands.
- Hurricane Paloma is expected to produce total rainfall accumulations of 5 to 10 inches over the Cayman Islands with isolated maximum totals of 12 inches possible.
- The Grand Cayman Islands Airport is reportedly closing at 10 a.m. this morning, Friday, November 7, 2008.

The U.S. Embassy in Kingston will continue to monitor Hurricane Paloma's track and will issue updated messages. U.S. citizens in the Cayman Islands are urged to locate shelter, monitor media reports, and follow all official instructions. In addition:

- ☐ Make sure that you monitor weather reports.
- ☐ Secure and protect objects that could be damaged by wind or heavy rain.
- ☐ Be prepared to evacuate, if necessary, from flood and landslide zones.
- ☐ Remember that flooding may occur after the rain has stopped, or during the night when people are asleep.
- Carry travel documents at all times (e.g., U.S. passport, birth certificate, picture IDs, etc.) or secure them in safe, waterproof locations.
- Contact friends and family in the United States with updates about their whereabouts.

Additional information on hurricanes and storm preparedness may be found in the “Hurricane Season-Know Before You Go” pamphlet at: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/hurricane_season/hurricane_season_2915.html and on the “Natural Disasters” page of the Bureau of Consular Affairs’ website at: http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/emergencies/emergencies_1207.html.

For any emergencies involving American citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Embassy’s Consular Section, located at 142 Old Hope Road in the Liguanea area of Kingston, tel. (876) 702-6000; after hours emergency telephone (876) 702-6000; Consular Section fax (876) 702-6018; and e-mail at KingstonACS@state.gov. The Consular Agency in the Cayman Islands is located at 222 Mirco Center, North sound Road, Georgetown, Grand Cayman, tel. (345) 945-8173. The Consular Agency in Montego Bay is located at St. James Place, 2nd Floor, Gloucester Avenue, tel. (876) 952-0160.

Tropical Storm Gustav Update – U.S. Embassy Suspends Normal Operations August 28, 2008

This Warden Message is being issued to alert U.S. citizens residing in and traveling to Jamaica and the Cayman Islands that the U.S. Embassy in Kingston has suspended normal operations on August 28 because of the anticipated impact of Tropical Storm Gustav. As of 7:30 a.m. August 28 the National Hurricane Center reports that the center of Gustav was located about 80 miles east of Kingston, Jamaica. The center of the storm is expected to move along the south coast of Jamaica with maximum sustained winds of 70 mph and is expected to gain strength and become a hurricane later today. A Travel Alert was issued by the Department of State on August 27, 2008, for Jamaica the Cayman Islands, and other affected countries. The government of Jamaica issued a hurricane warning on August 28.

The storm is expected to produce total rainfall accumulations of 5 to 7 inches over Jamaica with isolated maximum amounts of 15 to 25 inches possible. These intense rains may produce life-threatening flash floods and mud slides. Please check the National Hurricane Center website www.nhc.noaa.gov for the latest information and trajectory of the storm. Please also take the following precautions:

- ☐ Make sure that you monitor weather reports.
- ☐ Secure and protect objects that could be damaged by wind or heavy rain.
- ☐ Be prepared to evacuate, if necessary, from flood and landslide zones.

- ☐ Remember that flooding may occur after the rain has stopped, or during the night when people are asleep.

U.S. citizens are urged to locate shelter and carry their travel documents at all times (e.g., U.S. passport, birth certificate, picture ID’s, etc.) or secure them in safe, waterproof locations. We suggest that American citizens contact friends and family in the United States with updates about their whereabouts.

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The U.S. Embassy has deployed consular officers to Montego Bay, Jamaica, and George Town, Cayman Islands, to assist American citizens in emergency situations. For emergencies involving American citizens, please contact the U.S. Embassy in Kingston, located at 142 Old Hope Road in the Liguanea area of Kingston, tel. (876) 702-6000; after hours emergency telephone (876) 702-6000; Consular Section fax (876) 702-6018; and e-mail at KingstonACS@state.gov.

Hurricane Gustav Veers toward Jamaica and Cayman Islands’ August 26, 2008

This warden message is being issued to alert U.S. citizens residing and traveling in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands concerning the projected impact of Hurricane Gustav on Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. Hurricane Gustav is currently located south of Haiti and building in wind speed as it heads west-northwest toward Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. As of 11 a.m. EDT the National Hurricane Center (NHC) www.nhc.noaa.gov advised there is a hurricane watch in effect for Jamaica. A hurricane watch means the hurricane conditions are possible within the watch area, generally within 36 hours.

Hurricane Gustav is currently a Category 1 hurricane with wind speeds of over 90 MPH. Its projections and storm track indicate that Hurricane Gustav’s strength may increase to Category 2 as it passes to the north of Jamaica and to Category 3 as it reaches the Cayman Islands. The storm is expected to produce total rainfall accumulations of 5 to 7 inches over Jamaica with isolated maximum amounts of 15 to 25 inches possible. These intense rains may produce life-threatening flash floods and mud slides. Please check the National Hurricane Center website (above) for the latest information and trajectory of the storm. Please also take the following precautions:

- ☐ Make sure that you monitor weather reports.
- ☐ Secure and protect objects that could be damaged by wind or heavy rain.
- ☐ Be prepared to evacuate, if necessary, from the flood and landslide zones.

- Remember that flooding may occur after the rain has stopped, or during the night when people are asleep.

The U.S. Embassy will continue to monitor Hurricane Gustav's track, and will issue updated messages. U.S. citizens are urged to locate shelter and carry their travel documents at all times (i.e. U.S. Passport, Birth Certificate, picture ID's, etc.) or secure them in safe, waterproof locations. We suggest that American citizens contact friends and family in the United States with updates about their whereabouts.

Additional information on hurricanes and storm preparedness may be found in the "Hurricane Season-Know Before You Go" pamphlet at:

http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/hurricane_season/hurricane_season_2915.html, and on the "Natural Disasters" page of the Bureau of Consular Affairs' website at:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/emergencies/emergencies_1207.html. Updated information on travel in the (*country or region*) may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States and Canada, or from overseas, 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 am to 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

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Heightened Violence in Downtown Kingston April 30, 2008

This message is issued by the U.S. Embassy to alert American citizens in Jamaica concerning heightened violence and tensions in the Downtown Kingston area, particularly south of the Police Headquarters between East Queen Street and Harbor Street. There have been numerous murders in the last 48 hours which appear to be gang related. A curfew was enforced in the area last night.

Americans are strongly advised to refrain from entering this area until further notice and should exercise special caution and vigilance until the potential for violence subsides. Personnel are also reminded to avoid areas where there appear to be traffic blockages and/or where demonstrations are occurring.

Presently, gang violence has NOT affected South Camp Road, which is a major travel corridor to and from Norman Manley International Airport. Should this route become unsafe, the Embassy will notify American citizens and suggest a secondary route.

Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the U.S. Embassy's website at <http://kingston.usembassy.gov> and the U.S. Department of State's travel website at www.travel.state.gov, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, and Travel Alerts can be found. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review to "A Safe Trip Abroad," found at http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1747.html, which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

Citizens living and residing in Jamaica or the Cayman Islands are advised to register their presence in the country through the U.S. Department of State's automated online registration system, <https://travelregistration.state.gov>. U.S. citizens may also register by visiting the Consular Section at the U.S. Embassy or our consular agencies in Montego Bay and Georgetown, Cayman Islands during business hours.

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Violent Demonstrations in Montego Bay Ongoing April 18, 2008

This message is issued by the U.S. Embassy to alert American citizens residing in, visiting and traveling to the Montego Bay area of Jamaica of violent demonstrations occurring on Barnett Street of Montego Bay.

Reports indicate that demonstrators, reportedly frustrated over police closure of a loud party, are burning cars and tires on Barnett Street, a major access corridor in Montego Bay. Traffic is blocked in many areas around the city of Montego Bay. Because of the potential for violence, Americans in Montego Bay area are advised to avoid the area of Barnett Street until the situation cools. Americans should monitor local radio and television reports and avoid venturing out onto the streets until the media confirms that calm has been restored. American citizens are reminded to exercise good security

practices, avoid all demonstrations, and to be aware that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can become violent.

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